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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 09/04/08 and the telephonic interview conducted on 11/05/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10-18,20-25,27 and 29-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. As per MPEP 713.04, a separate interview summary form is not provided as the substance of the interview has been summarized herein.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard K. Huffman (No. 41,082) on November 5th, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel Claims 9, 26 and 33.

Please replace Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 18, 20, 25, 27 and 29-31 as follows:

1. An apparatus for performing cryptographic operations, comprising:
an x86-compatible microprocessor;
a control word, configured to prescribe one of a plurality of cryptographic key sizes to be employed during execution of one of the cryptographic operations, wherein said control word is stored in memory, and wherein a memory location of said control word is prescribed by contents of a register that is referenced by a single atomic cryptographic instruction, wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction is arranged according to the instruction format for execution on said x86-compatible microprocessor;

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fetch logic, disposed within said x86-compatible microprocessor, configured to receive said single atomic cryptographic instruction as part of an instruction flow executing on said x86-compatible microprocessor, wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction prescribes said one of the cryptographic operations, and wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction references said control word;

translation logic, coupled to said fetch logic, configured to translate said single atomic cryptographic instruction into a sequence of micro instructions that directs said x86-compatible microprocessor to perform said one of the cryptographic operations; and

execution logic, disposed within said x86-compatible microprocessor and operatively coupled to said single atomic cryptographic instruction, configured to execute said one of the cryptographic operations, said execution logic comprising:

a cryptography unit, configured to execute a plurality of cryptographic rounds on each of a plurality of input text blocks to generate a corresponding each of a plurality of output text blocks, wherein said one of a plurality of cryptographic key sizes is provided to a key size controller within said cryptography unit, and wherein said key size controller employs said one of a plurality of cryptographic key sizes during execution of said one of the cryptographic operations.

8. The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said key size controller is configured to interpret a key size field within said control word which is referenced by said single atomic cryptographic instruction.

10. The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction implicitly references a plurality of registers within said x86-compatible microprocessor.
17. The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein said plurality of registers comprises:
a fifth register, wherein contents of said fifth register comprise a fourth pointer to a fourth memory address, said fourth memory address specifying a fourth location in memory, said fourth location comprising an initialization vector location, contents of said initialization vector location comprising an initialization vector or initialization vector equivalent for use in accomplishing said one of the cryptographic operations.
18. The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein said plurality of registers comprises:
a sixth register, wherein contents of said sixth register comprise a fifth pointer to a fifth memory address, said fifth memory address specifying a fifth location in memory for access of said control word for use in accomplishing said one of the cryptographic operations, wherein said control word prescribes cryptographic parameters for said one of the cryptographic operations, and wherein said control word comprises:
a key size field, configured to specify said one of a plurality of cryptographic key sizes to be employed during execution of said one of the cryptographic operations.
20. An apparatus for performing cryptographic operations, comprising:

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an x86-compatible microprocessor;

a control word, configured to prescribe a key size to be employed when executing said one of the cryptographic operations, wherein said control word is stored in memory, and wherein a memory location of said control word is prescribed by contents of a register that is referenced by a single atomic cryptographic instruction, wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction is arranged according to the instruction format for execution on said x86-compatible microprocessor;

a cryptography unit disposed within execution logic in said x86-compatible microprocessor, configured to execute one of the cryptographic operations responsive to receipt of a single atomic cryptographic instruction within an instruction flow that prescribes said one of the cryptographic operations, wherein said single atomic cryptographic instruction is fetched from memory by fetch logic in said x86-compatible microprocessor, and wherein translation logic in said x86-compatible microprocessor translates said single atomic cryptographic instruction into a sequence of micro instructions that directs said x86-compatible microprocessor to perform said one of the cryptographic operations; and

key size control logic, operatively coupled within said cryptography unit, configured to direct said x86-compatible microprocessor to employ said key size when performing said one of the cryptographic operations.

25. The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein said key size control logic is configured to interpret a key size field within said control word which is referenced by said single atomic cryptographic instruction.

27. A method for performing cryptographic operations, the method comprising:
via fetch logic disposed within an x86-compatible microprocessor, fetching a single atomic cryptographic instruction from memory that prescribes one of a plurality of cryptographic operations, and via translation logic disposed within the x86-compatible microprocessor, translating the single atomic cryptographic instruction into a sequence of micro instructions that direct the x86-compatible microprocessor to perform the one of the plurality of cryptographic operations, wherein the single atomic cryptographic instruction is arranged according to the instruction format for execution on the x86-compatible microprocessor;
via a field within a control word that is referenced by the single atomic cryptographic instruction, specifying a cryptographic key size to be employed during execution of the one of a plurality of cryptographic operations; and
within a cryptography unit disposed within execution logic in the x86-compatible microprocessor, employing the cryptographic key size when performing the one of the cryptographic operations.

29. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein said specifying comprises: prescribing 128 bits as the cryptographic key size.

30. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein said specifying comprises: prescribing 192 bits as the cryptographic key size.

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31. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein said specifying comprises: prescribing
256 bits as the cryptographic key size.

3. The following is an examiner's comment: the IDSs filed on 09/04/08, 09/22/08 and 10/20/08 have been considered and Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-25, 27 and 29-32 remain allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons noted in the Examiner's Amendment mailed on 09/04/08.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWARD ZEE whose telephone number is (571)270-1686. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 9:00AM-5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 12, 2008

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